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# COMMENCEMENT

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AUGUST 10, 2013



# ORDER OF EXERCISES

*Presiding: David A. DeCenzo, Coastal Carolina University President*

<b>Processional</b>	Coastal Carolina University Brass Ensemble <i>Matthew S. White, Conductor, Assistant Director of Bands</i>
<b>Presentation of Colors</b>	Coastal Carolina University <i>Army ROTC Color Guard</i>
<b><i>Star Spangled Banner</i></b> John Stafford Smith/Francis Scott Key	Coastal Carolina University Brass Ensemble Terrance Piette <i>Senior Music Major</i>
<b>Invocation</b>	The Reverend Doctor Tom F. Woodle <i>Director of Career Services</i>
<b>Officer Commissioning</b>	Coastal Carolina University Army ROTC  Cadet Evan Rodrigues <i>Presented by Second Lieutenant Anson Cavanagh</i>
<b>Welcome and Acknowledgments</b>	David A. DeCenzo <i>President</i>  D. Wyatt Henderson, '98 <i>Chairman, Coastal Carolina University Board of Trustees</i>
<b>University Distinctions</b>	David A. DeCenzo
<b>Introduction of Senior Class Representative</b>	J. Ralph Byington <i>Interim Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs</i>
<b>Introduction of Speaker</b>	Kara Yeomans <i>Class of 2013</i>
<b>Address</b>	Holley E. Tankersley <i>Chair and Associate Professor, Politics and Geography</i>
<b>Presentation of Candidates for Degrees</b>	J. Ralph Byington
<b>Music Presentation</b>	Coastal Carolina University Brass Ensemble
<b>Conferring of Degrees in Course</b>	David A. DeCenzo  Michael R. Latta <i>Associate Dean, E. Craig Wall Sr. College of Business Administration</i>  Edward Jadallah <i>Dean, Spadoni College of Education</i>

# ORDER OF EXERCISES

Daniel J. Ennis  
*Dean, Thomas W. and Robin W. Edwards College  
of Humanities and Fine Arts*

Michael H. Roberts  
*Dean, College of Science*

Nelljean M. Rice  
*Dean, University College*

## **Alumni**

Brian D. Forbus, '97  
*President, Coastal Carolina University Alumni Association*

## **Alma Mater ~ Coastal Carolina**

William R. Hamilton

Coastal Carolina University Brass Ensemble

## **Benediction**

The Reverend Doctor F. Tom Woodle

## **Recessional**

Coastal Carolina University Brass Ensemble



## ***Faculty Announcer***

Preston L. McKeever-Floyd, *Associate Professor of Philosophy and Religious Studies*

## ***Faculty Marshal***

Paul C. Peterson, *Bearer of University Mace, Professor of Politics and Geography*

## ***Student Marshals***

Alysha McGrath, *Faculty Marshal*  
Carolyn Johnson, *Student Marshal*  
Matthew Goodwin, *Student Marshal*  
Frankie Hall, *Bearer of University Banner*  
Marguerite Maria Casil, *Graduate Studies*  
Naomi Dantzler, *E. Craig Wall Sr. College of Business Administration*  
NyRhonda Nixon, *Spadoni College of Education*  
Lindsey Holt, *Thomas W. and Robin W. Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts*  
Chelsea Boyd, *College of Science*  
Christa Sims, *University College*

## ***Ushers***

Today's ushers are students representing the Coastal Carolina University Student Alumni Ambassadors, Omicron Delta Kappa, Wall Fellows, Leadership Challenge and the Student Government Association, as well as athletic event volunteer ushers.

# 2013 COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER



## HOLLEY E. TANKERSLEY, PH.D.

Chair and Associate Professor

Politics and Geography

Holley E. Tankersley, an associate professor of political science and chair of the Department of Politics and Geography, teaches courses in public policy and American political institutions. She was named Coastal Carolina University Professor of the Year for 2008-2009 and for 2012-2013. Her research investigates ways in which institutional structures shape policy choices at both the state and federal levels, with a particular focus on executive and judicial branch decision-making. Tankersley focuses primarily on issues of social policy, including education, health, human welfare, family and civil rights. Her most recent scholarly work has appeared in *Political Research Quarterly* and the *Journal of Political Science Education*. She holds a master's degree in public policy from Georgetown University and a Ph.D. in political science from the University of Georgia.



# DEGREES IN COURSE

## E. CRAIG WALL SR. COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

### *Master of Accountancy*

Ryan David Berdnik  
*B.S.B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2011*  
Stephanie Elizabeth Boglioli  
*B.S.B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2012*  
Jacob Gregory Downey  
*B.S.B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2011*  
Erin Theresa O'Reilly  
*B.S., SUNY-Geneseo, 2012*  
Carolyn Marie Preciado  
*B.S.B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2011*  
Zachary Kirk Stubbendeck  
*B.S.B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2012*

### *Master of Business Administration*

Irina Stoyanova Bell  
*B.A., University National World Economy Sofia, 2005*  
Brianna Marie Blacklock  
*B.S.I., Coastal Carolina University, 2012*  
Alexander Gabriel Campbell  
*B.S.B., Clarion University, 2011*  
Ekaterina Mikhaylovna Dandykina  
*B.A., Siberia Federal University, 2011*  
*B.A., Siberia Federal University, 2011*  
*M.A., Siberia Federal University, 2011*  
*M.A., Siberia Federal University, 2011*  
Robert Joe Daniels  
*B.S.B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2012*  
Kevin Engleman  
*B.S., Coastal Carolina University, 2012*  
Corey William Frankosky  
*B.S., Coastal Carolina University, 2012*  
Erik John Mahoney  
*B.S.B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2012*  
Samantha Lee Mann  
*B.S.B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2011*  
Christopher Joseph Marsh  
*B.S., Coker College, 2010*  
Kristian Kerran McAdams  
*B.S.B., University of South Carolina, 2007*

Milissa Anne McClain  
*B.S., Southern Wesleyan College, 2003*  
Matthew D. McCourry  
*B.S.B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2012*  
Samantha Gayle Mello  
*B.A., Lander University, 2005*  
James Leslie Perkinson III  
*B.S., Coastal Carolina University, 2011*  
Travis Charles Poe  
*B.S., Coastal Carolina University, 2012*  
Brandon James Sarvis  
*B.S.B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2011*  
Sean Hassan Shahroozi  
*B.S.B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2012*  
Garrett Michael Shumaker  
*B.S.B., Slippery Rock University, 2012*  
Charlotte Jordan Smith  
*B.A., College of Charleston, 2012*  
Wilson Tyler Stokes  
*B.S., University South Carolina, 2010*

## SPADONI COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

### *Master of Arts in Teaching*

Keith Allen Allison  
*B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2012*  
Eric John Barrett  
*B.A., College of the Ozarks, 2009*  
Stephanie Jean Beyer  
*B.S., Virginia Tech, 2008*  
Martha Ann Esther Blunt  
*B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2010*  
Todd Michael Brink  
*B.S., University of Oregon, 2011*  
Tara Lyn Burney  
*B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2002*  
Stevi-Blair Carmichael  
*B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2012*  
Charles Shannon Childress  
*B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2012*  
Dixie Lynn Dyson Cox  
*B.S., Coastal Carolina University, 2012*  
Starena Cusack  
*B.A., College of Charleston, 2008*

# DEGREES IN COURSE

Shanique Platt Davis  
*B.A., Francis Marion University, 2008*

Timothy Lee Donaldson  
*B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2010*

Morgan Nicole Duff  
*B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2012*

Stephyn William Eaton  
*B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2012*

Deondra Celes Johnson  
*B.S., Coastal Carolina University, 2012*

Kristen Laura Jones  
*B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2008*

Jacqueline Gwynne Kane  
*B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2009*

Hannah Marie Leisen  
*B.A., College of Charleston, 2011*

Jordan Brittani Lewis  
*B.A., Erskine College, 2009*

Amanda Helen Loach  
*B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2011*

Michael Aron Shawn Locklear  
*B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2012*

Olivia Danielle Marlowe  
*B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2007*

Joshua Allen Maxwell  
*B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2012*

Kurt Frederic Meusel  
*B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2012*

Peter Joseph Miranda  
*B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2012*

Paul Larry Morris  
*B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2012*

Karesha Marie Newberry  
*B.S., Coastal Carolina University, 2012*

Kathleen Theresa O'Connell  
*B.S., Coastal Carolina University, 2012*

Jeffrey Brian Parker  
*B.A., University of South Carolina-Upstate, 2006*

Kylie Renée Pierce  
*B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2012*

Ashley Maria Purcell  
*B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2012*

Jamie Blaine Roberson  
*B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2012*

Robert Anthony Russo  
*B.A., Pennsylvania State University, 1999*

Adrienne Nicole Siewert  
*B.S., Coastal Carolina University, 2009*

Heather Smith  
*B.S., University of Massachusetts-Amherst, 2002*

Brandi Lin VanGorder  
*B.A., University of North Carolina-Greensboro, 2009*

Lindsay Nicole Weirich  
*B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2011*

Jason Clyde West  
*B.S., Coastal Carolina University, 2010*

Andrew James Wilson Willis  
*B.S., Coastal Carolina University, 2012*

## ***Master of Education***

Will Dobbs  
*M.Ed., Coastal Carolina University, 2008*  
*B.A., Long Island University-Boston, 2004*

## **THOMAS W. AND ROBIN W. EDWARDS COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND FINE ARTS**

### ***Master of Arts in Writing***

Cheryl Denise Apple  
*B.A., North Carolina State University, 1988*

Alexandra Elizabeth Hunter  
*B.A., Coastal Carolina University, 2011*

## **COLLEGE OF SCIENCE**

### ***Master of Science***

Sarah Lynn Chappel  
*B.S., James Madison University, 2008*

Rangley Claude Mickey  
*B.S., University of North Carolina-Charlotte, 2009*

Kimberly Ann Trinkle  
*B.S., Ohio Northern University, 2010*



# DEGREES IN COURSE

## **E. CRAIG WALL SR. COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

*Bachelor of Science  
in Business Administration*

*Bachelor of Arts*

Aime-Jo Bacon  
Sebastian Bottinga Bahos  
Saam Ali Bakhtiar  
Nicholas Carl Bane  
Dane Anthony Barrick  
Fred Blynn Beall V  
Michael Joseph Biondi  
Jeffrey Leonard Bird  
Taylor Nichole Bullard  
MaryClaire Chalfant  
Gretchen Brewer Clark  
Leor Cohen  
William Avanté Cook  
Deanna Michele Cooper  
Natalia Copenhaver  
~summa cum laude  
Justin Case Davidson  
Tessa Marie Deneen\*  
~magna cum laude  
Samantha Lee Emilio  
Blake Anthony Fallin  
Louis Patrick Feltman  
Trevor Loy Finley  
Gunnar Tillman Freeman  
Justin James Garry  
David S. Gentile  
Timothy Joseph Gianelli  
Robert Jordan Haley  
Cody Lee Herrgesell  
Carlin Kaytera Hoffman  
Danielle Marie Hytla  
Anthony Joseph Jankowski  
Ambar J. Jenrette  
Burton Raynard Jones II  
Ryan Davis Jones  
Nicholas Eugene Keefer  
Tara L. Kostecki

Leanne Taylor Lakes  
Kyle R. Lascolette  
Jason Stedman Latten  
Matthew Conor Lee  
Christine Renee Lutfy  
Jonathan E. McDermott  
Jason H. McNiff  
Megan Shirley Mechanic  
Dushawn Akeem Morant  
Brianna Marie Morman  
Sydney Anna Morris  
Logan F. Morro  
Dalton James Noto  
Matthew O'Brien  
Sean Anthony Oddis  
Anthony Patrick Olcott  
Robert Lewis Orton  
Mary Katherine Osborne  
Brittany Lynn Perron  
~cum laude  
Chelsey Megan Perron  
~cum laude  
Linda Ann Poole  
Ryan Alexander Reynolds  
Lewis Jacob Rider  
Courtney Marie Sampson  
Kent Rhodes Spellman Jr.  
Sean Michael Stier  
Ryan John Turchi  
TriSha LaBelle Vereen  
Matthew Austin Weinrib  
Preston Hall Werner  
Charles Christopher Whilden  
Cedric L. White  
Timothy Kyle White  
Ryan Matthew Wilk  
Alan Douglas Williams II  
Brittany H. Yeager  
Kara Alexandra Yeomans  
~cum laude

## **SPADONI COLLEGE OF EDUCATION**

*Bachelor of Arts*

*Bachelor of Arts in Education*

*Bachelor of Science  
in Physical Education*

Dana Elizabeth Frangipane  
~summa cum laude  
Finnbarr Pall O'Callaghan  
Lauren Alyssa Renaud  
~cum laude  
Alexandra Lynn Toich

## **THOMAS W. AND ROBIN W. EDWARDS COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND FINE ARTS**

*Bachelor of Arts*

*Bachelor of Fine Arts*

Leah Ann Barcellona  
Maggie Kathryn Carlson  
Nicholas Michael Cerone  
Kristina Marie Cesternino  
Grant Hamilton Clayton  
Jennifer Renee Conley-Dorman  
Ericka Lynn Cox  
Sherita LeShawn Curry  
Jennifer Lynn Darmafall  
~cum laude  
James Marshall Degarmo III

# DEGREES IN COURSE

Tessa Marie Deneen\*  
- *magna cum laude*  
William Kyle Dickson  
Kayce Nicole Fry  
Lindsey Helen Golden  
Ieshia Victoria Goodwin  
Allen Tarvorris Jolly  
James Matthew Lewien  
- *cum laude*  
Emily Elizabeth Lowes  
- *cum laude*  
Julia Catherine Marshall  
Casey Renee' Mason  
Mary Ellen Mathis  
Patricia Kathleen McCarty  
Khamla Mark Mickelson  
Courtney Kathleen Moser  
Joseph Lee Nichols  
Corey Andrew Nicholson  
Stephanie Elizabeth Nowaczck  
Joshua Roman  
Alexander Roger Salamone  
Kristina Liliana Schneider  
Leah Ann Smith  
- *cum laude*  
Tish Alexandria Thompson  
Lucius Richard Williams Jr.  
Erich Lloyd Wilson  
Cory Francis Woerner  
- *cum laude*  
Gina Bridgette Yuhas

## COLLEGE OF SCIENCE

### *Bachelor of Arts*

### *Bachelor of Science*

### *Bachelor of Science in Nursing*

Alexandra Ashley Anderson  
Amber Nicole Basiliko  
Cari Rachelle Baun  
- *cum laude*  
Chelsea Marie Booth  
Justin Harrison Brown  
Nicole Jaclyn Browne  
Stephanie Lauren Bunch  
- *magna cum laude*  
Andrew Tyler Calkins  
Jatavia Tishaun Clay  
Kristen Shernyce Cobb  
Teonia Shanta Cohen  
Rebecca Elaine Conley  
Nicholas Anthony Contino  
Jazmin Brook Daigle  
Dewey Philip Davis  
Laura Elizabeth Davis  
Marissa Anne DeMarco  
Paige Nicole Eddens  
Ryan Thomas Egan  
Denise Alexandria Frank  
Ryan Stephen Fletcher  
Amanda Kay Gacki  
Lauren Ashley Gast  
Toni Georgiana  
- *magna cum laude*  
Kelsey Goetz  
Woody Justin Goff  
Kayla Ann Graham  
Brittney ReNay Grayson  
Joseph Edwin Gregory  
Samuel Wakefield Haga  
Cheryl Antoinette Hall  
Zachary Franklin Hayes  
Jeremy Devon Height  
LaChina Laquail Hemingway  
Jessica Marie Hood

Jessica Ann Hotzelt  
Jamia Demeatria Howard  
Whitney Lashirl Hughes  
Josie Lee Hull  
Jessica Jordan Imholz  
Anthony Delsean Irick  
Jordan De Leon Johnson  
Taylor Stephen Johnson  
Jillian Neumann Jones  
Sara Rose Kaplan  
Shane T. Kelley  
Matthew Scott Kennedy  
Sammie Ray Kennedy  
Taylor Victoria Kirkley  
Nyjelle Capri Langley  
Tryggvi Karl Larusson  
Ashton Xavier Leatherman  
Michael Philip Lionetti  
Mariah Nicole Lockwood  
Brian Edward Lutz  
Elizabeth Ann Maynor  
Tyler Joseph McCarthy  
- *cum laude*  
Ryan James McClain  
- *cum laude*  
Winnifred Benita McCrea  
Daniel Michael McDonough  
Kevin Thaddeus Meadows  
Sarah Elizabeth Michaels  
Joshua Lane Myers  
Melissa Jane Newton  
Thomas Jeffrey Noel  
- *cum laude*  
Robert Frank Okneski  
Maya Michelle Outlaw  
Chastity Dawn Owens  
Erica DeVorah Peake  
Jane Merrill Pilarski  
Alex Jorge Prioleau  
Charles Phillip Purcell  
Jonelle Michelle Randall  
Iain Keith Robertson Riddle  
Charlotte Lee Roberts  
- *magna cum laude*  
Marsha Lynn Roberts  
- *magna cum laude*  
Crystal Shaneka Robinson  
Evan Louis Rodriques  
Eric James Sabisch

# DEGREES IN COURSE

Kristina Danielle Scanlon  
 Robert Andre Searle  
 Paige Kathleen Selesky  
 Daniel Jay Shelly  
 Chase Alexander Sigmon  
 Tonya Hilton Skipper  
 Emily Joy Smith  
 Shana Janel Smith  
 Kathryn Anne Spero  
 Alicia Paige Sullivan  
 Stephanie Lynn Taylor  
     *-cum laude*  
 Rebecca Lauren Thigpen  
 Dekara Chantelle Thomas  
 Stephanie Louise Torosian  
 Jodee Lin Troupe  
 Samantha Jo Veteri  
 Michael Eric Wilder  
 Dave Thomas Roman Williams  
 Rhett MacCormack Woolard  
 Whitney Shanel-Mae Young

## UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

### *Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies*

### *Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies*

Kristen Corey Albrecht  
 Avette Necole Brown  
 Landis Brown  
 Ronnie Louis Coco Jr.  
 Kayla Diggs  
 Andrew Christopher Ferguson  
 Calona Georgette Hackett  
 Batrice Carmel Haigh  
 Natalie Rose Hazel  
 James Douglas Hinkle IV  
 Natalie Ortiz Kaufman  
 Crystal Leigh Lewis  
 Robert Lee Morgan III  
 Richard Woodrow Nisbet Jr.  
 Kaneesha Antwanelt Peterson  
 Desiree' Charnece Rivers  
 Matthew Ryan Sassi  
 Danielle Schaeffer  
 Malinda Renee Schubert  
 Joscelyn Jeneé Smalls  
 Charles Laverne Todd III  
 Jamaal Dorval White



The list of candidates for graduation was prepared before final grades were reported, and inclusion herein does not constitute evidence of graduation. The listing of a name in this program should not be construed as an indication that the person will, in fact, receive a degree from Coastal Carolina University at this commencement. Conversely, the absence of a student's name from this list does not necessarily mean that the person will not be awarded a degree. Honors for degree candidates are based on the cumulative grade point average on file at the time of application. Honors to be printed on the diplomas will be based on the final Coastal Carolina University cumulative grade point average.

Where indicated with an asterisk (\*) the individual has completed all requirements for multiple degrees.

**summa cum laude**  
*A cumulative GPA of 4.0*

**magna cum laude**  
*A cumulative GPA of 3.75 to 3.999*

**cum laude**  
*A cumulative GPA of 3.5 to 3.749*

**\*Dual Degree**

# A HISTORY OF COASTAL CAROLINA

On the evening of July 23, 1954, a group of Horry County citizens met at the Horry County Memorial Library to discuss a daring proposal – the creation of a local college. These civic leaders were determined to improve the educational and economic profile of the area, and in less than two months – on Sept. 20 – Coastal Carolina Junior College held its first classes in the old Conway High School (enrollment: 53).

For its first four years, the new endeavor was sponsored by the College of Charleston. In 1958, Horry County voters approved a referendum levying a three mill tax to fund the two-year college independently. Members of the college's governing board, the Coastal Educational Foundation, personally pledged funds to meet financial shortfalls.

From the beginning, Coastal Carolina has maintained a close, reciprocal relationship with the surrounding region, which during the past half century has progressed from a primarily agricultural district into a major Atlantic coast resort. In 1959, the state's general assembly created the Horry County Higher Education Commission, a regulatory body to manage the college's county tax money. For more than 50 years, the Coastal Educational Foundation, which concentrates on private fundraising, and the Horry County Higher Education Commission have worked in concert to guide the University's endowment and fiscal policies.

In 1960, Coastal Carolina became a regional campus in the University of South Carolina system, the beginning of a 33-year affiliation. (The deal was finalized at the Chat & Chew restaurant in Turbeville, halfway between Conway and Columbia.) The following year, a site was chosen for a permanent campus. Most of the land for the present location near Conway was donated by Burroughs Timber Company and International Paper.

The traditional Georgian architecture of the first campus structure, now the Edward M. Singleton Building, set the style for the new campus when it was completed in 1963. Enrollment was 110 that year, and it increased steadily during the 1960s. The present Atheneum Hall was built in 1966, featuring the trademark symbol of the institution. In 1975, USC Coastal Carolina College awarded its first four-year bachelor's degrees, and the first residence halls opened in 1987.

By the end of the 1980s, enrollment had reached 4,000 and there were 175 full-time faculty members. In view of sustained growth and obvious potential, many supporters of the college believed that the time had come to consider leaving the USC system. In 1991 the Horry County Higher Education Commission voted to seek legislative approval to establish an independent Coastal Carolina University. This bold move, a watershed event in our history, was officially accomplished in 1993 when Gov. Carroll Campbell signed the bill on the steps of the Singleton Building.

Coastal Carolina's new status as an independent state university set the stage for a new era of growth and achievement. During the next decade, graduate courses were offered for the first time; new academic and residence buildings were added; the faculty increased in number and distinction; and the institution began attracting an increasingly diverse and gifted community of students.

In September 2003, CCU won its inaugural football game in the brand new Brooks Stadium. A member of the Big South Conference since 1983, the Chanticleers (our mascot, derived from *The Canterbury Tales*) have a proud history in 18 sports, winning the conference's Sasser Cup a total of nine times.

In 2004, CCU celebrated its 50th anniversary. Enrollment reached 7,000 students, and the campus was expanding significantly, with properties now situated across Highways 501 and 544 as well as its splendid 1,105-acre ocean research site on Waties Island.

Horry County voters approved a penny sales tax in 2008 to fund education building projects, augmenting the most extensive building program in University history. In February 2011, the board of trustees approved a Campus Master Plan, a comprehensive blueprint outlining the future direction of the institution's physical layout. Master plan implementation is well under way, with approximately 25 active building projects in some stage of planning or construction. Enrollment is now above 9,000, and CCU established its first doctoral degree program, in marine science. The University will begin offering the Ph.D. program in 2014.

## THE UNIVERSITY'S LEADERS

**David A. DeCenzo**

*President • 2007-present*

**Ronald R. Ingle**

*President • 1993-2007  
Chancellor • 1992-1993*

**Ronald G. Eaglin**

*Chancellor • 1985-1992*

**Frederick W. Hicks III**

*Chancellor • 1983-1985*

**Edward M. Singleton**

*Chancellor • 1963-1983*

**William C. Casper**

*Director • 1961-1963*

**George C. Rogers**

*Director • 1955-1961*

**Edward J. Woodhouse**

*Director • 1954-1955*

# ACADEMIC REGALIA AND PROCESSION

The custom of wearing a distinctive dress for academic ceremonies dates back to the Middle Ages, when people dressed in keeping with their class: nobility, clergy or third estate. The faculties of American universities have worn distinguishing costumes since the beginning, in 1636, at Harvard University.

Today, academic regalia is worn in the United States by persons taking part in academic ceremonies in general, at commencement exercises, at baccalaureate services and at various inauguration ceremonies, such as the installation of a president, the conferring of an honorary degree on a distinguished guest or the laying of the cornerstone of a building.

The institutions awarding degrees, the nature of the degrees and the major fields of knowledge represented by the degrees can be readily identified by the designs and colors used.

The baccalaureate gown is the simplest in design. Usually black, it is distinguished by a wide yoke with shirring in front and back and by open flowing sleeves that end in a point. The baccalaureate gown is worn closed.

The master's gown is similar to the baccalaureate gown except that it has a closed or glove sleeve that is open at the wrist. The master's gown has no other trim and may be worn either open or closed.

The doctoral gown is full flowing and has large bell-shaped sleeves. It is trimmed with velvet panels down the front and has velvet chevrons on the sleeves. While black is still the predominant color for doctoral gowns, the trim may be in a color that denotes the wearer's discipline or the color of the gown may denote the wearer's university.

The square Oxford cap, or mortarboard, of serge or broadcloth, with a stiff crown, is traditionally black. Once the baccalaureate degree has been conferred, the tassel is worn on the left side. The tassel is usually black, but may be of a color denoting the major field of knowledge for bachelor's and master's degrees and gold for doctoral degrees.

Candidates who are eligible to be recognized for graduation with honors wear the embroidered official white honor stole with the University Seal at graduation. Also, students who are members of the University Honors Program, the Wall Fellows, the Jackson Scholars, the Swain Scholars or other selected University honors programs are eligible to wear the University stole.

Recognized honor societies by Coastal Carolina University are:

- Alpha Kappa Delta: Sociology
- Alpha Psi Omega: Theatre
- Alpha Sigma Lambda: Adult
- Beta Alpha Psi: Accounting Finance
- Beta Beta Beta: Biology
- Beta Gamma Sigma: Business
- Eta Sigma Delta: Hospitality
- Eta Sigma Gamma: Health Promotion
- Gamma Sigma Epsilon: Biochemistry/Chemistry
- Golden Key: International
- Kappa Delta Pi: Education
- Omicron Delta Epsilon: Economics
- Omicron Delta Kappa: Leadership
- Phi Alpha Theta: History

- Phi Eta Sigma: Freshmen
- Phi Sigma Pi: International
- Phi Sigma Tau: Philosophy
- Pi Mu Epsilon: Mathematics
- Pi Sigma Alpha: Politics
- Psi Chi: Psychology
- Sigma Tau Delta: English
- Upsilon Eta: Communication
- Upsilon Pi Epsilon: Computer Science

The greatest degree of symbolism is represented by the hood. The size and shape of the American hood mark the college degree attained by the wearer. The lining of the hood is indicative of the college from which the degree was granted. If more than one color is used, one color is generally arranged as a chevron upon the other. The velvet trim of the hood indicates the major field of knowledge.

- Anthropology: Golden Yellow
- Business Administration: Drab
- Communication: Crimson
- Computer Science: Golden Yellow
- Divinity / Theology: Scarlet
- Dramatic Arts: Brown
- Economics: Copper
- Education: Light Blue
- Engineering: Orange
- English: White
- Fine Arts: Brown
- History: White
- Humanities: White
- Journalism: Crimson
- Jurisprudence: Purple
- Library Science: Lemon
- Mathematics: Golden Yellow
- Marine Science: Golden Yellow
- Medicine: Kelly Green
- Music: Pink
- Speech: Silver Gray
- Pharmacy: Olive Green
- Philosophy: Dark Blue
- Physical Education: Sage Green
- Physics: Golden Yellow
- Political Science: Dark Blue
- Public Administration: Peacock Blue
- Public Health: Salmon Pink
- Science: Golden Yellow
- Social Science: Citron

Most academic ceremonies begin and end with an academic procession. At Coastal Carolina University, candidates for degrees are first and process in the order in which the degrees will be bestowed, followed by the faculty, with senior professors first, and the platform party.

Coastal Carolina University recognizes members of the 1954 Society who support the University while they are undergraduate students. Members of the 1954 Society wear special pins that they receive during a formal induction ceremony.



# COASTAL CAROLINA UNIVERSITY TRADITIONS



## The University Seal

The seal of Coastal Carolina University designates the founding year of the institution and associates the campus symbol, the Atheneum, with the coastal locale of the University. Carrying the Latin motto – Ex Libertate Veritas, From Liberty, Truth – the seal refers to the Temple of Athene in ancient Athens where professors and students came together. The Greek temple was named for Athena, the daughter of Zeus, who embodies wisdom and reason. The waves at the foot of the Atheneum acknowledge a diversified coastal environment encompassing a distinctive geography and history, a vital present, and an abundant future. The seal was commissioned by Trustee Oran P. Smith as a gift to celebrate the July 1, 1993, establishment of the University as an independent, public institution of higher education.



## The University Logo

The identifying symbol of Coastal Carolina University captures the dynamic and traditional commitment of the University to teaching and learning. The Atheneum, constructed on the campus in 1966, is a recognized architectural symbol of a meeting place for persons engaged in literary and scientific pursuits. In the logo, the Atheneum is set against an undulating background that captures the energy and unbounded promise of the institution.



## The Presidential Medallion

As symbols of events and affiliations, medallions in academic regalia can be traced to religious orders during the Middle Ages. Since many orders, societies and universities used similar designs – a circle, cross or an oval – the detailed artwork in the center of the medallion was adopted to differentiate each affiliation. Colleges and universities traditionally use ceremonial and commemorative medallions for formal occasions such as commencements, convocations and inaugurations, when academic regalia is worn. To commemorate Coastal Carolina's status as an independent University, the institution's medallion was commissioned in 1994. The installation of President Ronald R. Ingle on October 22, 1994, was the first time the Coastal Carolina University Medallion was publicly displayed.



## The University Mace

The University mace, the symbol of the Coastal Carolina University community, attaches significance to important events of the academic calendar. Commissioned by the Horry County Higher Education Commission, the mace was designed and crafted by silversmith Alfred D. Ward and presented to the University in the spring of 1997. The mace is carried during official convocations of the University by the senior member of the faculty. When not being used for a convocation, the mace is on display in the boardroom of the E. Craig Wall Sr. College of Business Administration.

The three-dimensional, 48-inch staff is topped with a 22-karat gold-plate model of the campus symbol, the Atheneum. Modified relief seals of the University and engraved lettering embellish the sterling silver cup. Supported by a base of solid walnut, the stem of the mace is adorned with sterling silver shells, reflecting the coastal location of the University. On the base of the stem is an engraved seal of the state of South Carolina, representing the University's status as a public institution.

Originally used as weapons during the Middle Ages, maces came to be viewed as symbols of authority and were adopted by officials of English municipalities by the end of the 16th century. Maces are now used for legislative assemblies, ecclesiastical processions, and at college and university ceremonies of outstanding importance, such as commencements.

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AND LEARN TO REACH BEYOND OURSELVES —  
BELOW THE EARTH, BEYOND THE STARS —  
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HERE, GREEN AND BRONZE IN NATURE; LIGHT —  
SWEET PINE FORESTS THAT SURROUND US,  
OCEAN WATERS THAT SUSTAIN US —  
REFLECT YOUR STANDARDS THAT PREPARE US.

MAY WE RETURN IN THOUGHT AND CARE  
TO SHARE YOUR PROMISE OF ENRICHMENT,  
AND CELEBRATE AND SING OUR PRAISE  
FOR COASTAL CAROLINA.

*BENNIE LEE SINCLAIR*

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The Coastal Carolina University Alma Mater was written in 1994  
by the late Bennie Lee Sinclair, the fifth Poet Laureate of South Carolina,  
to commemorate the first year of the institution's status as a university.

The original score for the Alma Mater was written in 1994  
by Coastal Carolina University emeritus professor William R. Hamilton.